

Brown, Katherine

From: Brown, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 12:01 PM
To: Michael Opheim
Subject: RE: 2014 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish

This is great Michael, thanks! I'm going back on vacation now :-).

From: Michael Opheim [mopheim@svt.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 11:56 AM
To: Brown, Katherine
Subject: Fwd: 2014 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish

Miss Katherine Brown with EPA,
The initial invitation came from ADEC's Bob Gerlach who I think suggested us to EPA. We then got a call from Patricia Cunningham who asked us about attending and doing the presentation with ADEC. They said an invitation was sent but we never got it so this I think is as close as we have to an actual invite. I bolded it and made it red with underline. Sorry I don't have the actual invite but hope this helps,
Michael

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kurd Ali <kali@endyna.com<mailto:kali@endyna.com>>
Subject: 2014 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish
Date: July 3, 2014 at 11:03:25 AM AKDT
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July 3, 2014

Michael V. Opheim
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Dear Mr. Opheim:

Thank you for agreeing to speak at the 2014 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish, which will be held September 22-24, 2014 in Alexandria, Virginia. The 2014 Forum is sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). EnDyna, Inc., under contract with the USEPA is providing logistics, technical assistance, and meeting support for this year's event.

As you know, the three-day event will bring together representatives from state, tribal, and federal agencies as well as representatives from industry, environmental advocacy groups, community representatives, healthcare organizations and academia to present and discuss the latest science and public health policies pertaining to the health risk and benefits of fish consumption. The sessions will include a variety of perspectives and approaches to assessing and communicating public health risks and benefits related to fish contamination.

This letter confirms your presentation. You have been asked by the 2014 EPA Fish Forum organizers to make a presentation in the Federal, State, Tribal Coordination Session discussing collaborative work between the State of Alaska and the Seldovia Village related to the Cook Inlet fish consumption study. The audience would like to understand the collaborative process used to establish appropriate fish advisory messages for tribal fishers, and how this collaborative effort resulted in the development of improved messages for tribal consumers. We have tentatively entitled your presentation, "State of Alaska and Cook Inlet Alaskan Villages Partnership to Assess Contaminant Exposure in the Alaskan Villagers - Cook Inlet". Your presentation should also allow a few minutes at the end for responding to audience questions

Additional information on logistics and other matters are included here, but please take a moment to register for the conference on-line at <http://www.cvent.com/d/64qzys>, so that we may have the most up-to-date contact information for you, as well as to verify your acceptance of this invitation. Provide your full name and title including degrees (such as B.S.), your affiliation, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than August 1.

In exchange for your contribution to the Forum, your travel, hotel, and meal expenses will be reimbursed through a contract between the USEPA and EnDyna, Inc. Your travel and reimbursement will be based on the Federal Travel Regulations. Once you have registered for the Forum, please complete the attached travel profile form and return it to me. I will be contacting you to assist with your travel and hotel accommodation. At the conclusion of your trip, you will be required to complete an expense reimbursement form for your out of pocket expenses. Please complete the form and return it at your earliest convenience but no later than October 15, 2014.

We will need some information from you including a bio-sketch, your audiovisual equipment needs, a speaker release form (see attachment), an abstract of your talk (1-3 paragraphs), and the title of your presentation as you would like it to appear in the final program. Please provide this information, in addition to your presentation, no later than August 22. The preferred format for the presentations is MS PowerPoint (please notify us if you require alternate software).

We are putting together an excellent program for the 2014 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish and look forward to your participation at the Forum in September!

Regards,

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